

# Remodeling? Consider Old World Style

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Have you noticed the Heritage Hall Visitor's Center lately? The building is now receiving the decorative features that will finally give it the "Old World character." It is designed to lure tourists passing through town to stop and inquire about our beautiful alpine valley.

As the architect, I have attempted to utilize some basic design principles (acquired over a long time) that could also be used by you, as a businessman or a residence, to enhance your premises and possibly add to the European theme of Heber City or the Swiss theme of Midway. Or just help make your own dwelling beautiful.

Windows and their adornment help make a building. Shutters, for a very little price, give a lot of mileage for the dollar. They are available in many different materials. Shutters can be custom designed and cut out of redwood, cedar or even pine or fir although the first two woods are more resistant to weather. A band saw in the hands of craftsman can produce interesting patterns. There are many designs available that can be copied. Here also is where color can be added to the overall pleasing affect of the building.

Flower window boxes provide a refreshing embellishment to the lower frame of a window. Flower boxes are beautiful hung from balconies and even walls. Flowers, and lots of them, can do more for beautifying a building and yard than anything I know. For those who are less than a "green thumb" gardener, very nice silk flowers of many varieties are available for purchase. And they can be treated to withstand the weather.

very few ideas of how to remodel and enhance your property. Another article will consider Folk Art and how it can add to your building. Recommendations on the use of stucco, towers, and spires, decks, roofs, custom doors, landscaping, heavy timber construction, and much more, will follow in future articles.

The new Visitor's Center, when finished, will have an almost storybook character. Maybe it will encourage future remodeling or new construction that will help promote theming of our communities. This, in turn, will attract tourists to stop and do business locally.

I am hoping to whet your appetite to decorate your premises and add to the theming of your community, which helps create a favorable impression for the area. Keep in mind that these suggestions need to be done tastefully. A designer or architect who understands good sound design principles can be an enormous help. Our valley has many talented people.

Projects I have designed that you can visit in Heber City that may give you some more ideas are: Swiss Alps Inn, Heritage Hall Visitor's Center, and the Heber City Hall. In Midway: Swiss Oaks condominiums, the new LDS Stake Center, Regal Haus Bed and Breakfast on The Homestead Golf Course, and the Midway City Offices. Call me, George Olson, architect, at 654-3725 in Midway if I can be of service to you.

# Sheriff's Dept. To Get Dis.

The Wasatch County Commission Monday approved a request from Sheriff Mike Spanos to hire another full time dispatcher and to buy a car that will be used for traffic control.

Spanos explained that nearly \$40,000 was spent last year on deputies' overtime and that the additional dispatcher will save most of that cost. He said with only four deputies to cover dispatch, it has been necessary to pull deputies off the road to provide round-the-clock service.

But the additional deputy will not be needed for dispatch 40 hours a week, so he will be able to serve as court bailiff, transport prisoners, follow up on bad checks, and to do special assignments.

The new car will replace an unmarked passenger car presently used by the department that has nearly 100,000 miles on it. But the new vehicle will be marked and equipped with lights. Spanos said the new car will mean more citations will be written, resulting in more revenue. But he said that is not the main purpose for a traffic car.

"In law enforcement, it is a proven fact that the effective working of traffic in your jurisdiction prevents crime and substantially prevents loss of life on the highway...It's for quick response. Traffic slows and people drive more prudently," said Spanos.

The commission also approved Spanos's request for the county to pay the utility bills for the Search and Rescue building and earmark \$3,000 for the organization to buy supplies and equipment. He said the utility bills average about \$100 per

the Search and Rescue volunteers.

"If I didn't have the support of the Search and Rescue in this county, I don't think I'd want to be the sheriff," he told the commissioners.

Commissioner Chairman Moni Besendorfer called the volunteers "very special people" and highly praised them for their service, including their response to the Wasatch Mountain fire last August.

## Public Works

A \$4,600 feasibility study to determine the best way for Wasatch County to comply with new Environmental Protection Agency regulations governing underground gasoline storage tanks was approved by the commission.

All tanks that contain toxic materials must be equipped with monitoring devices that will detect leaks or they must be moved above ground. Kent Berg, public works director, couldn't estimate what it would cost to meter the county's four tanks or to dig them up and install them above ground. But he said if the cost is too high, the tanks could be abandoned.

Berg also told the commission he plans to install two-way radios in the garbage trucks purchased earlier this month from AutoCart, but it will take three or four weeks to get them. Since he also needs to buy a cellular phone, he said he will put it in one of the trucks until the radios arrive. He said the building inspector also should have a cellular phone and the commissioners said some of the other departments might want some. So they asked him to wait until next week to order the phones, after they determine how many the county needs.

Berg reported that the garbage trucks have needed extensive repairs. He said the building inspec-